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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Masahide KINOSHITA, et al. )  
: Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: 10/667,357 )  
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Filed: September 23, 2003 )  
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, ) October 30, 2003  
DEVELOPING UNIT AND :  
STORAGE MEDIUM )

Commissioner for Patents  
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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

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| 09/585,606             | June 2, 2000       | S. Yamaguchi, et al. |
| 09/575,988             | May 23, 2000       | K. Hiroshima, et al. |
| 10/293,318             | November 14, 2002  | K. Hiroshima, et al. |

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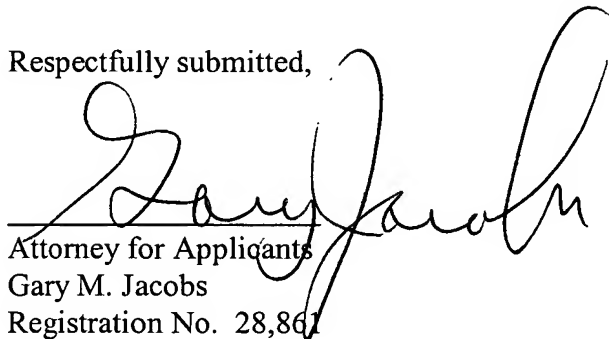
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### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

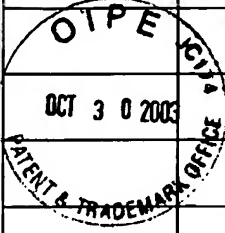


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| *EXAMINER<br>INITIAL   | DOCUMENT<br>NUMBER | DATE     | NAME              | CLASS | SUBCLASS | FILING DATE<br>IF APPROPRIATE |  |
|  | 6,343,193          | 1/29/02  | MATSUMOTO, ET AL. | 399   | 27       |                               |  |
|  | 6,131,007          | 10/10/00 | YAMAGUCHI, ET AL. | 399   | 256      |                               |  |
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